



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH BROOKINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 5, 2025

**TODAY WE GIVE THANKS** for God's grace in Holy Baptism and for Ever Anaiya Vanderzee and Aurora Dawn Vanderzee who were baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit on July 9th, 2023. Today, we remember God's gifts given in Holy Baptism, we remind their parents, Craig and Samantha Vanderzee, of the responsibilities entrusted to them, and we welcome Ever and Aurora into this community of faith.

### **HARVEST FEST**

Wednesday, October 8th - 5-7pm - Join in faithful fun and festivities for all ages as we celebrate God's goodness at harvesttime. Dinner served in the gym from 5-6pm, carnival games, Faith Formation and Creation Care activities inside and outdoors until 7pm. We'll be collecting collections of canned soup and crackers for the Brookings County Emergency Food Pantry.

### **SEEKING YOUR HIDDEN TREASURES**

We're collecting gently-used small toys and books to be recycled and reused as prizes for our Harvest Fest carnival games. Too many trinkets collecting at your house? Bring your donations of like new doodads to be reused and traded as exciting new-to-you prizes as we Care for Creation and celebrate Harvest Fest. Drop donations in the bin outside Emily's office through October 7th. Any unused items will be passed along to other organizations who can use them following our event.

### **YOUR WILL, YOUR LEGACY**

Join us for a lunch and learn experience on October 19 at 11:45am! Kathy McHenry will present simple, no-cost ways to update your will and practical ideas on how new tax laws can affect your generosity. Don't miss this chance to learn how your life's work can make a lasting difference for your loved ones, church, and your favorite ministries! *To help us plan, please sign up in the office by October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## **VOLUNTEER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

Worship services are a great opportunity to share in ministry together! We're looking for new voices and hands to join our First Lutheran Readers and Ushers. Whether you want to proclaim God's Word, be the first friendly face to greet people, or help members and guests participate in worship together, your gifts are needed. Please sign up in the church office or scan here to learn more.



## **SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE**

The Sanctuary Choir holds rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 pm in the Mission Coffeehouse meeting room. New members ALWAYS welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Anderson at 605-731-6433.

## **MISSION COFFEEHOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would be interested in occasionally volunteering alongside others during the week or on Sunday mornings, please visit with LaDeane Harrison in the MCH.

## **PURSES FOR A POWERFUL PURPOSE**

- \*Has openings for 10 individuals to host and decorate a table.
- \*Tickets will go on sale October 15<sup>th</sup>. \$25 per person and there is limited seating.
- \*They are still accepting donations for jewelry, purses and Christmas décor. They are not accepting Christmas trees at this time.

Questions? Please contact Deb Pederson @ 605-691-1803 or Mary Moeller @ 605-690-8862

## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE!**

We believe that everyone belongs here, and we want you to feel at home. To make worship more comfortable for you or your family, we have several resources available:

- \*Aides for the senses: Noise-reducing headphones and focus fidgets.
- \*Accessibility: Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices.
- \*For comfort: Individual pew cushions.
- \*For children: Engaging worship bags.
- \*Communion: Gluten-free wafers and communion delivered to your seat.

If you would like to use any of these, or have a question, please feel free to ask a greeter or usher. We are happy to help!

# **Mission of the month for October is Midwest Street Medicine**

## **FLC ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER 5 – OCTOBER 12**

### **Sunday, October 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Steppingstone blessing at both services**

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| 8:30 am  | Traditional Worship Service w/holy communion  |
| 9:30 am  | Journey                                       |
| 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service w/holy communion |

### **Monday, October 6**

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| 9:30 am | Staff Meeting |
| 5:30 pm | Sew What      |

### **Tuesday, October 7**

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| 8:30 am | Quilters                           |
| 2:00 pm | Bible Study in Mission Coffeehouse |

### **Wednesday, October 8**

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| 5:00 pm | Harvestfest 5:00 – 7:00 pm           |
| 5:45 pm | Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal            |
| 6:15 pm | Lutheranism 101 Bible Study - Chapel |

### **Thursday, October 9**

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| 6:30 pm | Church Council |
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### **Friday, October 10**

### **Saturday, October 11**

### **Sunday, October 12**

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| 8:30 am  | Traditional Worship Service  |
| 9:30 am  | Journey                      |
| 10:30 am | Contemporary Worship Service |

Only First Lutheran activities are listed on the schedule on the back page. For a complete list of activities held at First Lutheran, please visit the First Lutheran website – [www.firstlutheranbrookings.org](http://www.firstlutheranbrookings.org)

# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> is a big day for our 10<sup>th</sup> Graders. Between services there will be a Faith Forum where the students will showcase their Faith Projects that they have put together in preparation for affirming their baptism which will be at the 10:30am service that morning. Please join us after the 10:30am service for a reception to celebrate our confirmands.



## **UPCOMING CYF EVENTS**

- Wednesday October 8<sup>th</sup>: Harvestfest
- Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>: Journey Together (All ages meet together in the Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Faith Forum
- Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am Affirmation of Baptism
- Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Steppingstone - Holy Communion Class #1
- Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Steppingstone - Holy Communion Class #2
- November 14, 15 & 16: Ne-So-Dak Youth Retreat
- Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Holy Communion Blessing - both services
- Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Advent Fest
- Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>: No Wednesday Night Programming

## **UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL MENUS**

October 8th – Sloppy joes, chips, fruit and cookie

October 15th – Corn dogs, cheesy noodles, celery and carrots and fruit

October 22nd – Tater tot hotdish, green beans, fruit and pudding

October 29th – Beef and cheddar, chips, fruit and celery and carrots